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Security Council

10:00	6937th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation concerning Iraq	
	Second report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 2061 (2012) (S/2013/154)	
Morning ¹	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
	UNAMI (S/2013/154)	
	Other matters	
15:00	6938th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan	
	Report of the Secretary-General on South Sudan (S/2013/140)	
Afternoon ²	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
	UNMISS (S/2013/140)	
	Other matters	

¹To be held following the adjournment of the 6937th meeting.

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General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

An informal meeting of the plenary to define the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development will be held *today*, 21 March 2013, at 15:30, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators, dated 19 March 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

10:00 to 13:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 11:30

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 144 (Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/67/696 and A/67/768))

11:30 to 12:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Organizational resilience management system (A/67/266, A/67/608, A/67/83 and A/67/83/Add.1))

12:00 to 13:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 136 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/67/34 and A/67/724))

15:00 to 16:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Reports of the Board of Auditors on information and communications technology (A/67/651, A/67/651/Add.1, A/67/770, A/67/119 and A/67/119/Add.1))

16:00 to 17:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Safety and security (A/67/526, A/67/539, A/67/624, A/66/680 and A/66/720))

17:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/67/356, A/67/636, A/66/676, A/66/739 and A/67/695))	

General Assembly

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

10:00 to 13:00	7th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
	Consideration of President's first draft text: preamble, principles and object and purpose [item 13]	
15:00 to 18:00	8th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
	Consideration of President's first draft text: scope, prohibitions and criteria [item 13]	
	Intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations statements [item 12]	
19:00 to 22:00	9th meeting	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
	Consideration of President's first draft text (continued) [item 13]	
	[For further information on the Conference, delegations are invited to visit the website of the Conference at www.un.org/disarmament/ATT .]	

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	1. Support account	
	2. Executive meeting	

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy

Fifteenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

[Members of the Committee for Development Policy, Professors Keun Lee, Claudia Sheinbaum and Adil Najam, will hold a briefing on the theme of 2013 annual ministerial review on the science, technology and innovation, focusing on the role of national policies and international cooperation for technological catch-up in developing countries, today, 21 March 2013, from 13:30 to 14:30, in Conference Room A (NLB). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kawamura@un.org).]

Other meetings

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Thursday, 21 March 2013

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

09:00 to 09:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2 (NLB)
14:00 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on oceans and law of the sea matters)

10:00 to 12:00	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)
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Group of 77 (on the Committee on Information)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
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Other activities

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Thursday, 21 March 2013

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Forever free: Celebrating emancipation" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

[For the complete list of events on the occasion of the International Day, please [click here](#).]

Exhibit of signed copies of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution

Until Monday, 25 March 2013, from 09:00 to 17:30, in the Visitors' Lobby.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Timothy La Rose, DPI (e-mail larose@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0984).]

Culture and exhibit reception

From 18:00 to 21:00, in the Visitors' Lobby.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Timothy La Rose, DPI (e-mail larose@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0984).]

Special event on the occasion of the World Down Syndrome Day (21 March) (General Assembly resolution 66/149 (A/RES/66/149)) (organized by Down Syndrome International, in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, India, Japan and Poland, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Conference on the theme "Right to work"

From 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).  [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabrielle Krasowski, Permanent Mission of Australia (e-mail gabrielle.krasowski@dfat.gov.au); or [click here](#).]

Presentation of a report entitled "The global conversation begins" (on the preliminary results of the consultations of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) on the post-2015 development agenda) (co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF))

From 11:00 to 13:00, at the Henry Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gabriel Normand, UNDP (e-mail gabriel.normand@undp.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4039).]

Debriefing on the workshop on "Children and armed conflict: How to deal with persistent perpetrators?" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein, the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Princeton University, and Watchlist)

At 15:00, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please send an e-mail to advisor1@nyc.llv.li. For further information, please contact Mr. Swen Dornig, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail swen.dornig@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 226); or [click here](#).]

Interactive dialogue on "Science and sustainable development goals" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), in collaboration with the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC))

From 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).  [webcast]

[All interested members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as other stakeholders, are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Riina Jussila, DESA (e-mail jussila@un.org; tel. 1 (212-963-0662).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 21 March 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium  [webcast]

- 12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson
- 12:30 Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General; His Excellency Csaba Kőrösi, Permanent Representative of Hungary; Mr. Martin Mogwanja, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and Ms. Kate Norgrove, Head of Campaigns, WaterAid (to launch a call to action on sanitation on the eve of World Water Day)
[Moderator: Mr. Farhan Haq, Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General]

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 22 March 2013

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

High-level Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly on Water Cooperation¹

Opening

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Panel 1: "Setting the stage — Issues, challenges and opportunities for water cooperation"

11:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Moderator:

Mr. Jan Eliasson, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

Panel 2: "Exploring proposals, strategies and cooperative solutions for the period after 2015"

15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Moderator:

Ms. Annette Huber-Lee, Asia Centre Director and Senior Scientist, Stockholm Environment Institute

Closing

17:45 Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

¹A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 March 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. To consult the most updated programme please, [click here](#).

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f), (g) and (h), 112 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 22 March 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The Committee will hold its 27th meeting at 15:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 27th meeting, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

Informal briefing

An informal briefing will be convened by the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group on Friday, 22 March 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The briefing is being held to advance preparations for the two two-day intersessional workshops in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/78.

Disarmament Commission**2013 substantive session**

The 2013 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 1, to Friday, 19 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

**Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly
resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996****Sixteenth session**

The sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) will be held from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.252/L.21.

For further information on the relevant documentation, including previous reports of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on measures to eliminate international terrorism, please *click here*. The attention of delegations is particularly drawn to the 2010 report of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee, contained in document A/C.6/65/L.10.

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee (room M-13068A; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). A scanned copy of the original note verbale may also be sent to kosalvitr@un.org.

Committee on Contributions**Seventy-third session**

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 17 May 2013*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed organizational session for 2013

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 25, and Friday, 26 April 2013. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2013/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 12 April 2013*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik (e-mail ochalik@un.org) and Ms. Celia Syypap (e-mail syypap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by [clicking here](#).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Briefing

The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests will hold a briefing on the ongoing preparations for the tenth session of the Forum (8–19 April 2013, Istanbul, Turkey) on Monday, 25 March 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The representatives of all permanent missions are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, His Excellency Vladimir Lupan (Moldova), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-sixth session

The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 April 2013. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2013/1 and E/CN.9/2013/L.1, respectively. For background information, please [click here](#).

The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Commission will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 17 April 2013*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: New trends in migration — demographic aspects), will be held from Monday, 22, to Wednesday, 24 April 2013. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for agenda item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)), *as of Monday, 25 March*. In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *seven minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *ten minutes*.

Once delegations and participants have inscribed on the list of speakers, they are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart@un.org, as soon as available, and at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-seventh session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-sixth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 14:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room C (NLB);

Tuesday, 26 March 2013, from 14:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room C (NLB); and

Wednesday, 27 March 2013, from 14:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room C (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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[For the complete list of events on the occasion of the International Day, please [click here](#).]

Concert

Friday, 22 March 2013, from 19:00 to 21:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Timothy La Rose, DPI (e-mail larose@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0984).]

UNITAR/ILO seminar on "Advancing social protection floors, Module I" (organized by the UNITAR New York Office)

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 10:00 to 13:30 and 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please [click here](#). For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Raising and empowering youth to break the cycle of violence against women and children"

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 10:15 to 12:15, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Round table on “Promotion and protection of human rights and the harmonization of the national legal framework with international obligations and standards” (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO))

Monday, 25 March 2013, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Christian Tonatiuh González Jiménez, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail tgonzalezj@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 752-0220).]

Expert Group Meeting on “The high-level political forum” (organized by the Division of Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 3, and Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 13:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room S-2726 (Secretariat Building).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, DESA (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4528); or [click here](#).]

Panel discussion on “Voices from Laos: Clearing bombs, protecting lives” (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Legacies of War)

Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please [click here](#). For further information, please contact Mr. Visasacksith Snookphone, Permanent Mission of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic (e-mail visasacksith.s@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 832-2734).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Tenth session

Istanbul, Turkey

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its tenth session from Monday, 8, to Friday, 19 April 2013, at the Lüfti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center (LKCC), in Istanbul, Turkey. The session will open on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/1/Rev.1. A note by the Secretariat with detailed information for participants is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/INF/1.

Ministerial segment

The session will include a ministerial segment, which will be held on Monday, 8 April, from 15:00 to 19:00, and on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 12:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30. A list of speakers will be established for statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegations. Delegations are requested to inscribe, *as soon as possible*, the names of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations who wish to make a statement during the high-level ministerial segment, by sending an e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). The time limits for statements are *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States.

Ministerial round tables

There will be two parallel round tables on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 9:00 to 10:30, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests and economic development; and

Round table 2: International arrangements on forests, the Rio+20 outcome and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

Immediately following the conclusion of the round tables, the Forum will convene in plenary, from 10:30 to 12:00, for a high-level interactive dialogue with the Heads of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests member organizations.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, *as soon as possible*, their preference for the participation of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations in one of the above-mentioned round tables, by e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for interventions will be given to participants who have been inscribed before the deadline. The time limit for interventions is *three minutes*.

Documentation

For documentation and further information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/.

List of participants

Delegations who have not yet communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat of the Forum, are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Forum for inclusion in the list of participants (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-1282), with a copy to the Protocol and Liaison Service for accreditation purposes (fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Registration

For information on registration of participants, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/session-access.

Major groups

Major groups organizations that are accredited with the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development are encouraged to attend the session. Information on participation is available at www.un.org/esa/forests/participation. Online registration is available at <http://esango.un.org/irene/>. Attention is drawn to the fact that the deadline for registration is *Monday, 25 March 2013*.

Side events

For information on side events, please *click here*.

Webcast coverage

The UN Webcast Unit will provide live and on-demand webcast coverage of the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests at <http://webtv.un.org>.

Travel and accommodation arrangements

Delegations wishing to attend the session are requested to contact directly, as soon as possible, the nearest Turkish consulate or embassy for information on visa and customs regulations. Delegations are also requested to make arrangements for accommodations through the host country's hotel bookings website at <http://dekon.com.tr/unff10/en/>.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 22 April, to Friday, 3 May 2013, in the Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be open on Tuesday, 2 April, at 10:00. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

States parties are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*, indicating the composition of their delegations to the session. The information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Room S-3132, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) by e-mail to Ms. Bertha Ortiz (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*.

Participants are requested to complete and send the registration form online (*click here*) or, alternatively, to complete the registration form annexed to the Information Note (annex I), which may be photocopied, and return it, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April 2013*, to Ms. Junko Hirakawa, preferably by e-mail (hirakawa@un.org).

Further information for participants, including the submission of pre-session documentation, is contained in the Information Note, and is also available on the website of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law recently added the following lecture to the Lecture Series of its website: Judge Bernardo Sepúlveda-Amor — “The Development of the International Court of Justice Jurisprudence in Some Key Areas”. All interested parties are invited to visit the website at www.un.org/law/avl/ to view the new lecture.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar ([click here](#)); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 26 March 2013.

Introduction to e-Books (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Wednesday, 27 March 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents

Thursday, 28 March 2013 (*in Spanish*) (from 10:00 to 12:00).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa:

Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The Regional Courses in International Law provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The Regional Courses provide an important mechanism for expanding the international law training opportunities available to young lawyers from developing countries under the Programme of Assistance given the limited number of participants which can be accommodated in the International Law Fellowship Programme. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law of common concern in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

As the Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course for Africa, which will take place from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 April 2013 in Ethiopia. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013*.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course website at the following address: www.un.org/law/rcil/asia; or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here for general information*);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here for general information*); and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here for general information*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheila Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308)). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 20 March 2013

Security Council

6936th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2013/139)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Chile, Haiti, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Uruguay, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Nigel Fisher, Acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Interim Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Nigel Fisher.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Pakistan, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Rwanda and the Republic of Korea, by His Excellency Fernando Carrera-Castro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, by the representatives of Luxembourg, Morocco, China, the United Kingdom, France, Australia and Togo, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Brazil, Uruguay (speaking on behalf of the Group of Friends of Haiti (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Guatemala, Peru, the United States and Uruguay)), Chile and Spain.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, Canada, Japan and Peru.

Mr. Fisher responded to comments.

General Assembly

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

5th meeting

Consideration of scope, prohibitions and criteria [item 13]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Malaysia, Ecuador, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Ireland, France, the Russian Federation, Nicaragua, Togo, Iceland, Pakistan, China, Guatemala and Burkina Faso.

Consideration of national implementation [item 13]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Egypt, Canada, Switzerland, Lithuania, Trinidad and Tobago, Germany, the Russian Federation, Algeria, the Philippines, Japan, Senegal, Belarus, Costa Rica, Brazil, Kenya, Italy, Indonesia, Palau, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Netherlands, Liechtenstein, France, Finland and Liberia, as well as by the representative of the European Union.

The President of the Conference made a statement.

6th meeting

Consideration of national implementation [item 13]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, Iceland, Malaysia, Sweden, India, Norway, Kuwait (on behalf of the Arab Group), Australia, China, Mexico and Pakistan.

The Secretary made an announcement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Turkey, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Consideration of final provisions [item 13]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Bahamas, Belize, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay), Kuwait, Germany, France, the Republic of Korea, Finland, Mali, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Spain, Cuba, Japan, Nigeria, Ireland, India, Ghana, Malaysia, Greece, China, Costa Rica (on behalf of Dominican Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Germany, Liechtenstein, Paraguay, Norway, Spain and the Netherlands), as well as by the representative of the European Union.

The President of the Conference made a statement.

The Conference observed two minutes of silence in the memory of the late President of Bangladesh.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed

The President of the Conference introduced his first draft text as a President's non-paper.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

349th meeting

The Chair made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine made a statement.

The writer and co-producer of the documentary made a statement.

The documentary "Arafat" was screened.

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Seventh session

Liberia configuration

1st meeting

The Chair, His Excellency Staffan Tillander (Sweden), declared open the first meeting of the Liberia configuration and welcomed the Minister of Internal Affairs of Liberia, His Excellency Blamoh Nelson.

Adoption of the agenda [item 1]

The configuration had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/7/LBR/2.

The configuration adopted the provisional agenda.

Draft outcome of the second review of the implementation of the statement of mutual commitments on peacebuilding in Liberia (PBC/7/LBR/L.1) [item 2]

The configuration had before it the draft outcome of the second review of the implementation of the statement of mutual commitments on peacebuilding in Liberia (PBC/7/LBR/L.1).

The Chair made a statement.

The configuration adopted the draft outcome of the second review of the implementation of the statement of mutual commitments on peacebuilding in Liberia, as contained in document PBC/7/LBR/L.1.

Other matters [item 3]

No other matters were raised.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Approval: Monaco (20 March 2013)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Accession: Iraq (20 March 2013)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Chad

His Excellency Ahmad Allam-mi

Asia-Pacific States:

Qatar

His Excellency Sheikh Meshal Hamad M.J. Al-Thani

Eastern European States:

Republic of Moldova

His Excellency Vladimir Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Saint Lucia

Her Excellency Menissa Rambally

Western European and other States:

Finland

His Excellency Jarmo Viinanen

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